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June 5, 2015

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Mr. Jeff South
Interim Director of Planning & Programming
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Subject: Chicago Metropolitan Area Transportation Improvement Program
Non-Exempt Amendments Conformity Determination

Dear Mr. South:

We approve the amendments to the FY 2014-2019 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as submitted with your letter dated March 26, 2015.

In taking this action, we find the conformity analysis performed by CMAP meets the applicable criteria of 40 CFR 51 and 93 and that the amendments conform to the State Implementation Plan. In reaching these conclusions, we have relied on documentation presented during the Tier II consultation process. We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment.

Sincerely,

Sheila J. Clements
Director, Office of Planning
& Program Development

John M. Donovan
Metropolitan Planning Specialist

ecc: Ms. Karen Shoup, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Bruce Carmitchel, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
Mr. Tom Kelso, Bureau of Urban Program Planning, IDOT
Ms. Patricia Berry, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Teri Dixon, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Leroy Kos, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Ms. Holly Ostdick, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Mr. Reggie Arkell, Community Planner, FTA



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March 26, 2015

Ms. Catherine A. Batey
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Attention: John Donovan

Dear Ms. Batey:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.326 are copies of non-exempt amendments to the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for the CMAP Transportation Committee and the associated conformity determination. The MPO Policy Committee approved the TIP amendments, the Plan amendment, and the associated conformity determination on March 12, 2015.

The Northeastern Illinois region has committed itself to the integration of transportation and air quality planning. To this end, the MPO has developed procedures for incorporating air quality objectives into the transportation planning process. The TIP and Plan amendments being transmitted by this letter are in accordance with USDOT metropolitan regulations and USEPA transportation conformity regulations. The MPO has determined that the TIP and Plan amendments are in conformance with the State Implementation Program. The changes resulting from these amendments have no effect on the emissions estimates made for the region's conformity determination.

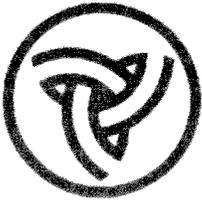
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The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate these amendments to the CMAP Transportation Committee 2014-2019 TIP, and the associated conformity determination.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bruce Carmitchel at 217-785-2994.

Sincerely,


Karen Shoup
Bureau Chief



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Ms. Marisol Simon
Regional Administrator
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Attention: Reggie Arkell

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